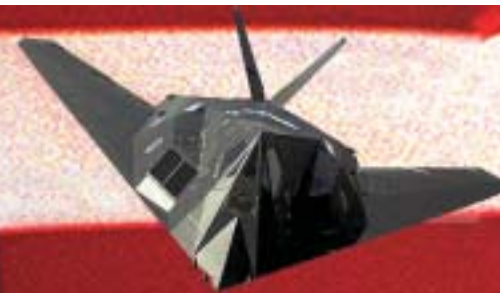


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Briefly

Major promotion

Congratulations to the following Team Holloman captains who make major...

Jody Addison
James Broadus
Ronald Dunlap
Jon Egenberger
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John Gonzales
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Karamo Hayward
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Rory Horan
Patrick Monahan
Brian Moore
William Nelson
Michael Premo
Cameron Pringle
Adam Quale
Walter Wilson
Kelly Witcher
Angeli Ybarra-Beltran

101+ critical days

As the 101+ critical days of summer campaign kicks off, wing safety promotes national seat belt campaign.

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Holloman's Hero

Staff Sgt. Marc Long, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is this week's Holloman Hero.

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Relay for life

Team Holloman hit the dodge ball courts to help the fight against cancer.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry Reid Jr.

Combat ready

Staff Sergeant Robin Walker, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, checks the technical order and monitors the status of an F-117A Nighthawk while performing aircraft generation maintenance during the Operational Readiness inspection here Monday.

ACC looks for ways to ease burden of budget

Holloman has slowed spending and reduced flying hours to support Air Combat Command's recent plan to meet projected budget shortfalls and help cover costs of the Global War on Terrorism.

Currently, the Air Force's fiscal year 2005 projected shortfall is an estimated \$3.7 billion, with Air Combat Command being short \$825 million in must-pay funds for the

Global War on Terrorism, and operation and maintenance, said Col. David Goossens, the Air Combat Command comptroller.

To help reduce future costs and help repay the debt, Air Force leaders directed major commands to develop "slow-down" plans with existing funds. ACC responded with a plan to curb spending and reflow the remainder of the 2005 flying hour pro-

gram, the colonel said.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper approved more than \$737 million in slow-down actions for ACC.

Maj. Regina Goff, 49th Comptroller Squadron commander, said spending across all groups had to be slowed to meet budget reductions.

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Team Holloman: Let's take care of business!

by Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski
49th Fighter Wing Commander

What can I say about such an amazing group of Airmen? Our hard work over the last several months and especially this week got the job done and more! We came through when we needed to and showed Air Combat Command what Team Holloman was all about. We paid attention to the details and got it done right, the first time, and every time. I'm very proud of every one of you, and can't express that enough. Because of the results from this Operational Readiness Inspection, I am even more confident knowing we can handle anything our nation calls us to do.

Having said that, the nation is now calling on the Fightin' 49ers yet

again, and it's time for us to shift gears from the ORI to the real thing. We've just proven we know how to take care of business the right way, and now is the time to do just that. As we prepare ourselves to deploy to the Western Pacific region, I know our folks will work hard and work safely, like always, to support this new endeavor.

So, keep your game faces on. Do what we have already demonstrated our competence in to get the job done right this time too. Always keep safety and your can-do attitudes in the forefront, but also keep your focus

centered on taking care of the details and working toward mission accomplishment. Remember your training, your skills and your dedication. I know each member of Team Holloman has what it takes to see this through to the end.

Commanders and supervisors, do what you have to do to make sure our people are taken care of. Many of your troops will be affected by this deployment, so make sure their families are taken care of now. Airmen, know that in your absence, Team Holloman will be



"I know if we keep that Fightin' 49er attitude shining through, we'll add yet another banner to that growing list of 49th Fighter Wing achievements."

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski
49th Fighter Wing commander

here for your families when they need us.

I know if we keep that Fightin' 49er attitude shining through, we'll add yet another banner to that growing list of 49th Fighter Wing achievements.

Holloman Hotline

572-7500

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Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
BX479-6164



High: 96
Low: 64

TODAY



High: 96
Low: 64

SATURDAY



High: 94
Low: 62

SUNDAY



High: 90
Low: 60

MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **34**
DUIs this year **14**
This week last year **20**

Last six DUIs

- 49 OG Feb. 11
- 49 CES Feb. 12
- 49 CS Feb. 14
- 49 CES Feb. 22
- GAF March 7
- 49 CES April 17

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

571 Saves this year
12 Saves this week



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This was accomplished mostly by canceling TDYs and training requirements and reduced spending on supplies and equipment.

ACC will also reduce facility projects, contract logistics support and depot maintenance.

Additionally, on May 15, ACC began applying the flying hour cuts which represent up to an overall 10 percent reduction from the command’s total fiscal year flying hour program.

Holloman’s flying hours were reduced by approximately 2,900, Maj. Goff said.

Cutting what could be up to

60 percent of the fiscal year’s remaining training flight hours will absorb approximately \$272 million in GWOT debt.

Formal training unit flying hours will remain the same at Holloman, Maj. Goff said.

In reprogramming the remaining hours, ensuring combat ready forces will be a top concern.

“Our first priority is to protect AEF combat capability,” said Maj. Gen. Mike DeCuir,

“This reduction requires flexibility and teamwork,” the general said. “Everyone needs to focus on reducing the flying hours safely and efficiently.”

Maj. Gen. Mike DeCuir
ACC Director of Operations

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In addition to protecting AEF deployers, General DeCuir explained ACC will try to “fence” several key units from flying hour cuts including F/A-22 units, test and training units, and re-

cruiting units like the Thunderbirds.

“Although this fence may not guarantee those units will have 100 percent of their remaining flying hours, our staff will work to ensure they can complete flying,” said General DeCuir. “However, we may harvest excess hours from these programs.”

Units outside the “fence” will absorb the majority of the flying hour cuts, General DeCuir said. Units are reflowing their flying hour program to meet the ACC tar-

geted stop-flying date of Sept. 16.

Even with making the flight training hours cuts, General DeCuir estimates units will still be able to preserve 60 to 80 percent of combat readiness using an orchestrated revolving “look-back” schedule.

Although cutting flying hours is challenging, the general said commanders have many options available to them.

“This reduction requires flexibility and teamwork,” the general said. “Everyone needs to focus on reducing the flying hours safely and efficiently.” (ACCNS)

Wear it or Walk

Wing safety promotes national seat belt campaign

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

According to the United States Department of Transportation's National Safety Administration, 42,800 people died on the nation's highways in 2004, up slightly from the 42,643 deaths in 2003.

From 1992 to 2002, 1,024 Airmen lost their lives as a result of Air Force Mishaps. This calculates to one preventable death every 3.5 days.

Some of these possibly could have been avoided had Airmen buckled-up while operating a motor vehicle.

Buckle-Up America is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's national campaign designed to promote and increase proper wear of safety belts.

Safety belts do more than simply protect you in a crash, said Mr. E.T. Faulkner, 49th Fighter Wing occupational safety and health specialist.

In the event the driver has to suddenly brake, swerve or is involved in a collision, seat belts keep drivers and

passengers in their seats.

Seat belts help save lives because they keep vehicle occupants from being thrown from the vehicle, said Mr. Faulkner. The force of the impact can throw drivers out of the vehicle if they are not wearing a seat belt.

"Your chances of walking away from a crash are five times greater if you stay in the car during the accident," he said.

Every month each squadron on base is required to do 50 seat belt checks, anywhere on base at any time, said Mr. Faulkner. Team Holloman averaged 99 percent seat belt usage in April.

Ms. Donna McQuaig, 49th Security Forces Squadron pass and registration, said operators of vehicles found not wearing seat belts will be issued a military traffic ticket, have four points added against their base driving record and lose their license for five days.

"Violators will be part of the mandatory 'Wear it or Walk Program,'" she said.

"Of course, Airmen should wear their safety belts because it's the law," said 49th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton, "but they should also

wear them for their families, their friends and their co-workers."

Accidents do not just harm the person directly involved – they impact the entire team, said Chief Barton.

"It's up to every Team Holloman member to wear their seat belt and promote safety," he said.

On the side

Proper safety belt use:

- Keep the lap belt fairly tight across your pelvic bone.
- Adjust by pulling the belt firmly across your lap toward the lap-belt retractor
- Use the tension adjuster to change the shoulder belt position and pressure against your chest.

Head Restraints:

- If your car had adjustable head restraints, adjust them to the proper height.
- Normally, the top of the head restraint should be slightly below the top of the head, not at the base or curve of your neck.

Padded head restraints reduce the risk of whiplash in the event of a collision from the rear.



Despite BRAC, Holloman mostly unaffected

by 2nd Lt.
Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Holloman found itself minimally affected after the May 13 announcement of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure.

Seventeen military members were realigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Those members make up the Physiological Training Center, which is actually a part of Brooks City Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The purpose of this specific portion of the realignment is to establish the high-onset gravitational force centrifuge to maximize the capability of the centrifuge at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, said Holloman fully supports the Secretary of Defense’s rec-

ommendations.

“This fair and impartial process will make the Air Force more capable, efficient and effective,” he said. “The BRAC process will ensure that the United States continues to have the best-trained and equipped military in the world.”

General Cichowski said BRAC allows the Department of Defense to maximize both the war-fighting capabilities and efficiency through joint organizational and basing solutions.

“The finalized list of BRAC affected installations benefits both the military and the taxpayer in a variety of ways,” he said, “By reducing excess capacity and redirecting resources to modernize our equipment and infrastructure. The BRAC list will help us further develop additional compatibilities to meet 21st century threats.”

Two Air Combat Command bases were among the

major installations recommended by the secretary of defense for closure and six others were recommended for realignment. Those recommended closings were Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., and Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. If approved, the bases would close by 2011. Cannon’s 60 F-16s would be distributed to other Air Force and Air National Guard units across the nation. Ellsworth’s 24 B-1s would move to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

The six ACC bases recommended for realignment were: Beale, Calif.; Dyess, Texas; Langley, Va.; Mountain Home, Idaho; Nellis, Nev. and Shaw, S.C. The list also contained recommendations on numerous Air National Guard units which are aligned under ACC when activated.

Lt. Gen. William Fraser, ACC vice commander, said the process used in determining

these recommendations was fair and impartial and will be used to balance airpower among active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard components.

“Closing and realigning our bases helps consolidate aircraft and operations into larger squadrons that optimize critical resources,” he said. “The integration of Reserve, Guard and active duty Airmen strengthens our overall war-fighting capability.”

The recommendations are now in the hands of the nine-person independent commission that will conduct a thorough review and analysis of the DoD’s recommendations. The commission can add bases to the closure list if seven of the members agree. They can also remove a base from the list with a simple majority vote. The entire list of BRAC recommendations for Air Force units can be found at www.af.mil/brac.

On the side

What happens next...
Approving BRAC Recommendations - Statutory Steps
May 16: SECDEF forwards Recommendations to BRAC Commission
Sept. 8: BRAC Commission recommendations due to President
Sept. 23: President approves/disapproves Commission recommendations
Oct. 20: Commission resubmits recommendations (if initially rejected by President)
Nov. 7: President submits final recommendations to Congress. Once submitted, the plan becomes final within 45 legislative days, unless Congress passes a joint resolution to block the entire package

Planes of the ‘70s, ‘80s

ACROSS

- 1. NYC time zone
- 4. Cult
- 8. Iron or Bronze
- 11. Momentous
- 13. Esau and Jacob’s dad
- 15. Glop
- 16. Avenue
- 17. Phonetic “D”
- 18. Coffee grounds
- 19. E-4
- 21. F-16 Fighting ____
- 23. Nile snake
- 26. Greek letters
- 27. A-10 ____bolt II
- 31. Mole
- 32. Part in a play
- 33. NAF for CENTCOM
- 35. Dads
- 38. Actress Heche
- 39. Former Russian ruler
- 40. Something to hail
- 41. Tiger’s org.
- 42. Bird
- 44. Kitchen item
- 45. Writer Rand
- 46. Place for MWDs
- 48. Cheese type
- 51. Greek letter
- 52. B-1s
- 56. Phonetic “P”

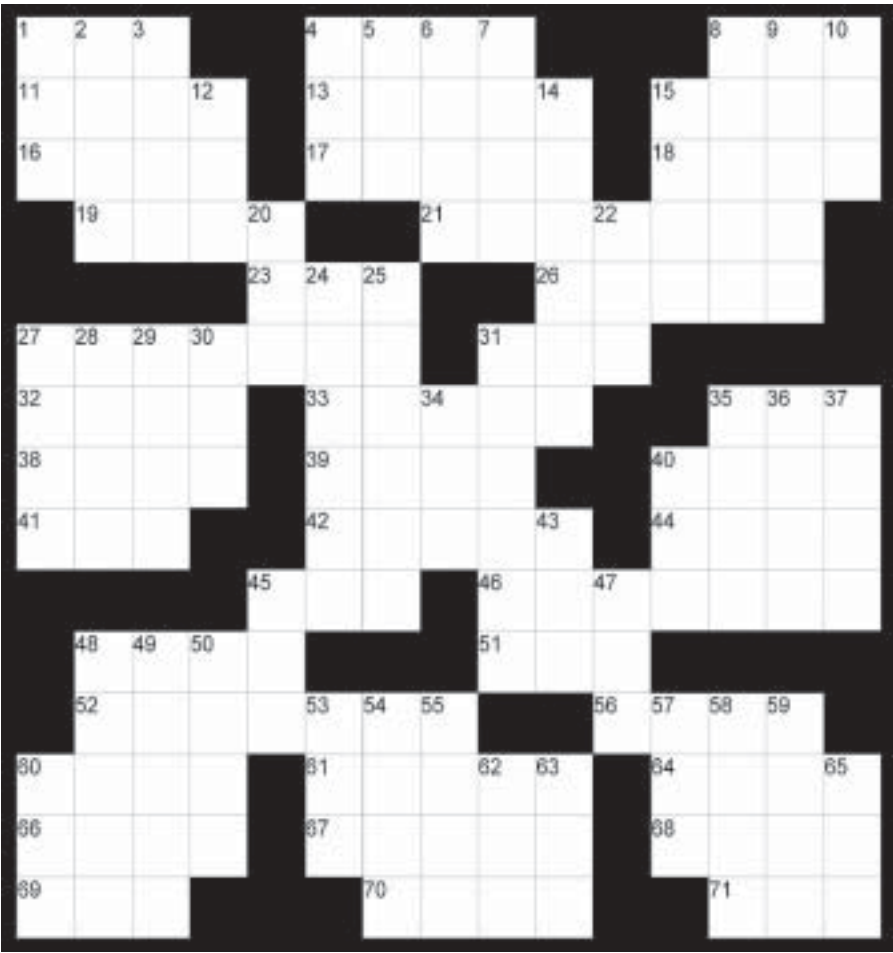
- 60. EC-130 Commando ____
- 61. Harvests
- 64. F-117 Night____
- 66. Ajar
- 67. F-15
- 68. Lotion ingredient
- 69. Affirmative
- 70. Yucatan Indian
- 71. Tarzan Ron

DOWN

- 1. Snakelike fish
- 2. Bridge
- 3. Singer Turner
- 4. Comedian Caesar
- 5. Compass dir.
- 6. Baby cow
- 7. Goodbye, in a manner
- 8. Stadium
- 9. Estimate
- 10. Actors Norton and Harris
- 12. Co. head
- 14. Sultan
- 15. Congeal
- 20. Boor
- 22. Coquettish
- 24. E-3
- 25. Jail
- 27. Snare
- 28. ____ Kong
- 29. Arm bone

- 30. Identifies maiden name
- 31. F-15E ____ (67 ACROSS)
- 34. Capture
- 35. HH-60 ____ Hawk
- 36. Figure skating jump
- 37. Offenses
- 40. 2,000 lbs
- 43. Clear, as in money
- 45. ____ USAF MAJCOM for airlift
- 47. Quick rest
- 48. Wed in a hurry
- 49. Canyons
- 50. Soon
- 53. Before, in Old English
- 54. Drill a hole
- 55. Huge story
- 57. Cry of discovery
- 58. Drab
- 59. Mil. UCMJ punishable absence
- 60. Tofu base

- 62. Use
- 63. Ocean segment
- 65. Critical



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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from May 2 to Monday.

Patrol response

- May 15: An NCO reported an Airman reported to work smelling like alcohol. The Airman failed the walk and turn and the one-legged stand test.

- May 9: A civilian reported he saw someone jump the wall into the housing area near Curry Circle. No one was found.

Property loss, damage or theft

- May 9: There was a minor accident on Travis Loop when a GOV backed into a telephone pole.

- May 9: An NCO reported broken window blinds, a dented window seal, a dent in the ice machine and a broken drain pipe in dorm 457.

- May 9: An Airman reported his POV was damaged in the building 340 parking lot.

- May 9: There was a minor accident when a vehicle backed into a telephone pole at the softball field.

- May 10: A civilian reported a window was damaged at the Holloman Inn. There was a baseball-sized broken area in the maintenance room window.

- May 11: An NCO reported his privately owned vehicle was damaged in the building 588 parking lot. There were about eight scratches on the passenger's side of the vehicle.

- May 13: A civilian reported the female bathroom at Thrasher Park was damaged. Investigation revealed there was actually no damage to the bathroom.

- May 14: An NCO reported a government-owned vehicle was damaged on the flight line. A tool box rolled to the rear of the vehicle and broke a window.

- May 15: There was a minor accident at the main gate when a GOV hit a pole.

Civil arrest

- May 10: An Airman was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for negligent use of a deadly weapon.

- May 14: An Airman was detained by the Otero County Sheriff's Department for underage drinking and criminal damage. While being transported to Holloman, the Airman kicked out the rear passenger window of the patrol car.

ID cards

If personnel have a military issued identification card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to the security forces squadron by calling 572-7171 immediately.

If you have any information concerning any incident, call security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial 911.

April Article 15s

Two 49th Fighter Wing members received Article 15s for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during April. Nonjudicial punishment is a tool that provides commanders with a prompt means of maintaining good order and discipline and promoting positive behavior changes in service members without the stigma of a court-martial conviction. By accepting nonjudicial punishment, military members are not admitting guilt, but rather choosing a forum in which to plead their cases; members are choosing to present evidence to their commanders in lieu of

a judge or jury. Before deciding upon an appropriate punishment, commanders take into consideration such factors as age, rank, experience and disciplinary history of the offender. They also consider the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense. Additionally, commanders are limited by both their rank, and the rank of the individual receiving the Article 15, in what type and duration of punishment they may impose. Because of these limitations and because the commander examines all the varying factors of the particular case, punishments for similar offenses may vary. Members who receive Article 15s may also face administrative discharge from the Air Force.

- An officer from the 49th Mission Support Group received nonjudicial punishment for sexual harassment. The punishment was forfeiture of \$1,868 pay per month for two months with that portion of the forfeitures in excess of \$600 pay per month for two months suspended until Sept. 27 and a reprimand.
- An Airman from the 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for under-aged drinking and making a false official statement. The punishment was reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Briefs

Movie screening

The base theater will have a free screening of a new movie at 3 p.m. today. Doors open at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the base exchange customer service counter and the services office in the shopping center next to GNC.

Seating will be available on a first come, first served bases. Tickets do not guarantee seating.

HazMart giveaway

Paints and other items are available for free issue at the HazMart. The program allows authorized users access to a variety of hazardous chemical items free of charge. To participate, your shop must be authorized for the

item and the item must be in HazMart’s free issue area. No authorization is necessary for latex paint.

For details, call the HazMart at 572-7899, 572-3093 or 572-7608.

Roadblock information

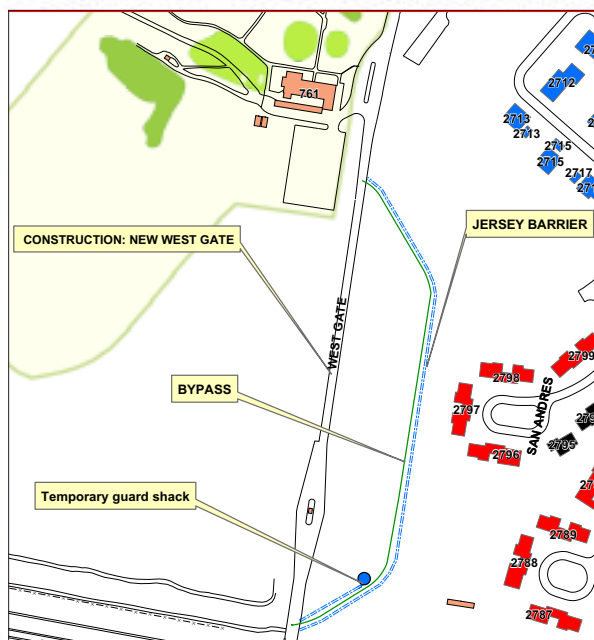
For information about roadblocks on U.S. 70, call White Sands Missile Range Control Center at (505) 678-1178 or visit www.wsmr.army.mil/Misc/roadblocks/roadblocks.htm.

Kiddie ID cards

Pass and ID issues out kiddie ID cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children age 10 and under.

For more information, call Mr. Samuel Rasche at 572-5920 or 572-5951.

Construction Zone



Temporary west gate bypass

The west gate is currently under construction as the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron continues to improve force protection and traffic flow at Holloman. The construction began May 11 and is scheduled to be complete Sept. 22. Vehicles will still be able to use the gate, but will be routed along a bypass road (see attached map). When the project is complete, the new gate will be similar to the La Luz Gate, providing a canopy and two ID check lanes.

The temporary ID check and vehicle search is located approximately 300 feet from the housing area, the maximum distance possible allowing both ID check and a vehicle search area. As a security measure, concrete barricades have been placed along the road to separate the search area from housing.

For any comments or concerns with the project, contact 2nd Lt. Nada Chamu at 572-5491. The 49th CES appreciates your patience during these improvements.

Submission guidelines

Submissions to the *Sunburst* are due by close of business Friday one week prior to the expected publication date. For consideration, submissions may be e-mailed to 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil or brought to building 29, suite 2800.

Submissions to the *Sunburst* must include: event title, date, time, place, a brief

description of the event, the first and last names and ranks and a phone number or e-mail address for contact information.

Meeting deadlines does not guarantee that information will run. All information must be edited before being published in the *Sunburst*, and submissions run on a priority, space-available basis.

9th AMU takes first in quarterly competition

by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit came out on top over the 8th during the quarterly weapons loading competition May 6.

The winning 9th AMU crew included Staff Sgt. Joshua Lagania and Airmen 1st Class Gino Colombari and Kevin Little. Out of a total of 7,000 points, the crew succeeded in scoring 4,139 in a time of 48 minutes, compared to the 8th AMU's score of 1,915.

The units, both assigned to the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, competed in the event that highlighted which F-117A weapons loading crew was the "best of the best."

Even though his weapons team didn't finish first, Airman Little, 9th AMU weapons loader, said he wasn't disappointed on how his team performed in the competition.

"The 8th was fast, but we continued to push ourselves even though we finished second," Airman Little said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

Staff Sergeant Joshua Lagania and Airman 1st Class Kevin Little, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew 908, prepare for the 2005 Bomb Loading Competition May 6.

"You can see the other team is ahead, but it just gives us the boost to be faster yet still make no mistakes."

The quarterly competition is graded on several areas that include time to load the

munition, inspection of each load crew's tool box, safety standards and dress and appearance.

"Any of these areas that get marked down will reduce a team's overall score," said

Master Sgt. Calvin McHarness, 49th Maintenance Group Weapons Standardization Section superintendent. "Both crews performed great and the support from each AMU was awesome.

I only see it getting better."

Airman 1st Class Antonio Najera, 8th AMU weapons loader, said he was proud of the work his three-man crew did.

"It's a great feeling knowing that without me and my job, this jet would just be an expensive prop," Airman Najera said. "It really takes a good load crew leader with a desire to work hard and have the patience to train his troops."

Airman Little said his team has a couple areas they will work on to make sure they continue a winning streak.

Senior Master Sgt. Clarence Perry, 49th Fighter Wing weapons manager, said that while the winning AMU gets bragging rights for the quarter, both teams are learning the valuable skills needed for deploying.

"This competition gives weapons load crews the chance to showcase their skills," Sergeant Perry said. This type of training shows exactly how weapons troops are combat ready and ready to meet any challenge or mission tasking anytime."



“I will be sure... Always.”

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

When a pilot has to make the call to eject from a plane worth millions of dollars, the last thing he needs to worry about is whether or not his parachute will function properly.

To ensure a pilot never has to worry about that, the 49th Maintenance Group has an element that is personally responsible for aircrew members' lives who are placed in that situation. The Survival Equipment Element, a part of the 49th Maintenance Squadron's Fabrication Flight, is better known as the parachute shop and ensures they pack every parachute perfectly every time.

Master Sgt. Paul Myers, Survival Equipment superintendent, said their job is very important because the bottom line is that peoples' lives are at stake.

“Knowing that when a pilot has to pull the ejection handle in the event of an emergency, our job is to get them to the ground

safely,” Sergeant Myers said. “There are no second chances. If your job is not done correctly, someone's life is in jeopardy.”

Sergeant Myers said the main mission of his element is to maintain, repack and repair parachute systems, water survival gear and local manufacture of fabric items for the F-117A Nighthawk fleet.

He said they also support the wing's T-38 Talon fleet while performing depot level maintenance on Beale and Whiteman Air Force Bases' T-38s, the 82nd Aerial Targeting Squadron's fleet of QF-4 drone aircraft, the 46th Test Group's high speed test track along with their newly-acquired F-15 Eagle and White Sands Missile Range's Fire Bee Drone program.

Sergeant Myers said their day-to-day operations vary.

“It varies from the critical inspection and repack of an advanced concept eject system II personnel parachute and ejection seat stabilization chute to locally



manufacturing a fabric cover the size of a two-and-a-half ton truck,” he said. “We also ensure the emergency life preservers, anti-exposure suits and life rafts function properly. We inspect and repack approximately 320 deceleration parachutes, or drag chutes, a week or we could be repairing and repacking a 100-foot recovery parachute for the Army.”

He said the folks in the parachute shop mesh well together.

“We take our job very seriously,” Sergeant Myers said. “We live by the parachute riggers creed, ‘I will be sure... always.’”

Mr. David Kasehagen, a parachute packer and fabric worker, said team work is and must be part of any structured life supporting endeavor.

“Here at Holloman this principle is not an exception,” he said. “We all share in our responsibilities towards quality assur-

ance and integrity.”

Mr. Kasehagen said what motivates him is carrying on the professional traditions that were developed in the early years of aviation.

“Parachute riggers support the lives and safety of the Air Force's pilots and aircrews by insuring that they will return alive and safely from their missions,” he said.

Mr. Felix Petalcu, a parachute packer and fabric worker, said it's self-satisfaction that motivates him to work in the parachute shop.

“Personally, having had 12 saves in my career, I believe it is the self-satisfaction of a job well done after hearing that a plane has gone down and that the pilot walked away,” he said.

Mr. Petalcu said knowing it was the parachute he packed that saved a pilot's life is its own reward.



Top: Airman 1st Class Troy Bates, 49th MXS, airs out an F-117 deceleration, or drag parachute.

Left: Staff Sgt. Walter Campbell, 49th MXS, quality control checks an advanced concept eject system II personnel parachute.



▲ Airman 1st Class Erin Anderson tightens a valve to seal off water pressure while repairing a section of piping.

◀ Left to right: Airmen 1st Class Neil Hodawanus and Erin Anderson, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Utilities Shop, smooth out concrete which supports a T-joint connection of piping.



▲ Staff Sgt. Eric Triplitt and Airman 1st Class Erin Anderson replace a section of piping.



▲ Airman 1st Class Stephen Newell, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Utilities Shop, uses a water excavation trailer to locate a water leak in the new base housing units .



▲ Airman 1st Class Billy Ware shovels rocks near the site that Airman 1st Class Stephen Newell will use a water excavation trailer to locate a water leak in the new base housing units.

Photos by Senior Airman Erik Somppi



Staff Sgt. Marc Long 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Mobility instructor

Time in service: Nine years, two months

Time at Holloman: Four years

Personal and Career goals: My goals are to graduate college with a bachelor's degree and make the rank of chief someday.

What is your favorite quote?

"Git-R-Done." It may sound stupid but it is a simple way of saying, "Get the job done and do it right." That is what I take out of it.

What is the highlight of your Holloman tour?

Holloman is such a versatile place for my job. I think one of the best highlights for me at Holloman was working Air Force One three times last year.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving in the Air Force is important to me because it is a tradition in my family. My grandfather was in the Army Air Corps and my dad was in the Army. Both of them retired with Honors. I am following in my family's footsteps and keeping the tradition alive.

What motivates you to be a better Airman?

The thing that motivates me to be a better Airman is how much the military needs us nowadays. The force is getting smaller and there is more work to be done.

How do you set an example for other troops?

I feel if I do my best and set the standard; other Airmen will look up to me and be motivated to do their best. They will be excited to be part of the Air Force and to wear the uniform proudly.

Core value portrayed "Excellence in all we do":

"Sergeant Long is the epitome of 'Excellence in all we do' in everything he does. He displays an unwavering ability to always get the job done right the first time, always. He commits himself to the motto of 49th LRS, 'Anywhere, anytime.'"

– Maj. Christopher Brown
49th LRS commander



The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

Smooth move:

FAQs answered by TMO

To ensure a smooth move during the busiest time of the year, here are a few frequently asked questions answered by the Travel Management Office:

Q: I've just received my orders, what should I do? Who do I see?

A: One of your first stops should be at the Traffic Management Office. You can visit your local TMO in building 222 or call 572-3489 or 572-5234 and start the arrangements for your move. They are the entitlements professionals and can clarify any questions you may have concerning what can and can't be shipped.

Q: Who arranges for my pick-up dates?

A: The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office located in Colorado is working to book pick-up dates 30 days in advance of your requested date. By stopping in early at your TMO, you can lock in your pick-up dates and really get down to planning your move.

Q: So, you've stopped into TMO and filled out the necessary paperwork. What happens next?

A: The next step is the assignment of a carrier. This is accomplished by the JPPSO and once your shipment is booked, you will receive an automated voice call providing pick-up information followed by a digital notification via e-mail.

Q: What information should I provide and to whom?

A: It is very important you provide your TMO counselor with a good telephone number and e-mail address. As a reminder, you will receive another automated phone call three days prior to your pick-up date. Pick-up dates are established based upon first, your requested date then, on carrier availability. Flexibility is the key.

Q: What do I do if I have to change my pick-up date?

A: Even though JPPSO established your initial pick-up

date, visit your local TMO and work directly with them. Changing pick-up dates are only done when an emergency exists; often this happens at the last minute and getting the date you want may not be possible. We ask for your understanding and patience as there are plenty of moves to be made with only a limited number of carriers.

Q: Will the carrier be professional in his duties and sensitive to my needs? Who can I contact?

A: Your TMO has Quality Assurance personnel who can provide professional assistance with any issues you may have. Their numbers are at 572-3489 and 572-5148. They are on the road daily keeping a close eye on the carrier to ensure you are provided with professional and quality service. If you have any special requirements concerning your PCS the QA's are the individuals to contact for an explanation of entitlements and/or approve/disapprove your request.

The following web sites contain helpful information:

- The Air Force Move Web site
<http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp>
- JPPSO-COS Web site
<https://www.jppso-cos.af.mil/>

Moving tips

- Review the carrier's inventory sheet and make sure all of your items are listed.
- Be sure that your professional books, papers and equipment are properly annotated and you receive a legible copy for your records. This same inventory sheet will be used at the other end of your PCS move for re-validation of your items.
- Remember, your transportation professionals at your TMO are available and are standing by ready to assist you in having a quality and pleasant PCS move.

For more information, call the TMO office at 572-7259 or 572-5529.

BRIEFS

MDG closure

The Medical Group will be closed May 27 and 30 because of the Air Combat Command Family Day and Memorial Day.

HOSC Thrift Shop

Holloman Officers' Spouses Club Thrift Shop has an End-of-Year Blowout Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. The sale applies to everything in the store: 50 percent off along with \$5 per filled paper bag.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

After Thursday, the store will be closed for the summer. Donations will still be accepted in bins located behind the store.

Attention all personnel:

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Capt. Michael P. Premo, 49th Operations Support Squadron.

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Capt. Premo should contact Maj. Steven Wright, 49th OSS Summary Courts officer at 572-7421.

Red Cross volunteers

The Red Cross is taking applications for the teen summer volunteer program. You can pick up the application at the Holloman Middle School office or the front door of the Red Cross office, building 222. Drop off completed applications at the Red Cross office between 9:30 and 11 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Orientation begins June 3. For details, call Ms. Peggy Sweeney at 572-7066.



Courtesy photo

Ride to work

Master Sgt. William Deakin, event coordinator, assists Senior Airman Anthony Stonecipher during the “Ride to Work Day” on Safety Day, May 12. The “Ride to Work Day” included a motorcycle show and a riding competition.

BRIEFS

Asian Pacific Heritage

The following events will commemorate Asian Pacific Heritage Month:

- Historical and cultural displays: Until May 31 at the Holloman Library, Community Activities Center, base exchange and 49th Fighter Wing Headquarters.
- Movie Night: 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center Ballroom. Will show Kung Fu Hustle, Shaolin Soccer and a historical documentary. Free popcorn, candy and drinks.
- Softball Tournament: June 4 to 5 at the Holloman softball fields. Cost is \$150 per team. Traditional Oriental plate and beverage will be available for \$5. Prizes for first, second and third place teams
- Luau Luncheon: noon to 2 p.m. June 10 at the Community Center ballroom. The cost is \$8 and includes traditional Oriental food, beverage and entertainment. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Maj.) Phillip Llanos.

For details, call Tech. Sgt. Larry McEntire at 572-3806 or Senior Airman Theresa Margallo at 572-3125.

Blood Drive

There is an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 31 at the Base Community Center. Donations are on a walk-in basis with four stations.

Monthly Static Display

The Monthly Static Display (viewing of F-117A, T-38A, German Tornado) is 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday at Hangar 500. The monthly static is available for promotions, enlistments, reenlistments and for viewing.

Anyone with a large group attending should call public affairs at 572-5406.

Commissary Sale

The Annual Holloman Commissary Caselot Sale is today to Sunday during

normal store hours.

Summer Splash

Holloman Primary Parent Teacher Advisory Council has a Summer Splash Day at the school Tuesday. The event will be used to encourage water conservation/water events for the children. For more information, call Ms. Karenanne Graves at 479-1520.

Memorial Day Event

The Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony, sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257, will be 9 a.m., Thursday at Heritage Park.

CAC

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what

programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The CAC also features the following videos today to Thursday:

- Welcome to Holloman: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Air Show 2005: 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- 49th Fighter Wing BRAC Press Conference: 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

On the BIG SCREEN

Fever Pitch (PG-13)

6 p.m., today and Sunday

Sahara (PG-13)

3 and 6 p.m., Saturday

BRIEFS

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is June 4 to 5 at Griggs Field in Alamogordo.

For more information, call Ms. Cathy Schreck at 434-8834.

Flickinger events

• Miss New Mexico Semi-Finals: 7 p.m., June 10 at the Flickinger Center. Tickets are \$15. Patron tickets are \$150 and \$130 (includes patron party, dinner, dancing at Las Ventanas Clubhouse and reserved seating both nights).

• Miss New Mexico Finals: 7 p.m., June 11 at the Flickinger Center. Tickets are \$20.

For more information, call 437-2202.

Saturday in the park

Saturday in the park is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday at Washington Park. The event will honor the military personnel from Holloman.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Shantece Wade at 572-5406.

Cherry festival

The 2005 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18 and 19 at

the High Rolls Community Center. There will be locally-grown cherries, more than 60 arts/crafts venders, food and drinks, local entertainment and children's activities. Parking and admission are free. For details, call (505) 682-1151 or go to www.highrollsfestivals.com.

Holloman Tech Expo

The Leadership tour of the 2005 Holloman Technology Exposition will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Officers' Club. R.S.V.P. by today via fax at (301) 596-6274 or e-mail blumenreich@ncsi.com.

Medieval Festival

The Colorado Medieval Festival is noon to 6 p.m., June 3 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 4 and 5. Pre-sale cost is \$8 per day for adults and \$15 for a three-day adult pass. Children under 11 get in free with a paid adult. At the gate, prices \$10 per day for adults and \$20 for a three-day adult pass.

For more information, visit <http://www.medievalworld.us/coloradocastle/>.



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Relay For Life

Dodgeball Tournament

Robert Johnson, 49th Comptroller Squadron, hoards a dodgeball while throwing a stinger at the Zuni Goonies during Alamogordo's Relay for Life Dodgeball Tournament May 14. Johnson and other members of the 49th Fighter Wing joined the Alamogordo community to support the fight against cancer.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

▲ Louie Rocha, Jessica Rocha and Titus Butler, 49th CPTS, play dodgeball to support Alamogordo's Relay for Life tournament.

◀ Daniel Turner, 49th CPTS, Kelley Hill, 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office, Christaan Bates, 49th Fighter Wing Command Post, Benjamin Yost, 49th Fighter Wing Legal Office, joined forces May 14 to play in Alamogordo's Relay for Life Dodgeball Tournament in support of the American Cancer Society.



Holloman Nighthawks

The Holloman Nighthawks opened the 2005 Alamogordo Downtown Recreational League with a 19 to 9 victory over Team Just Play out of Alamogordo. Leading hitters for the game were Hilario Torres, 3 for 3 with two singles and a double and Shawn McMillian, 3 for 4 with two singles and a double.

Holloman volleyball clinics

Volleyball clinics will be held as follows:

- Women: 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays.
- Men and Women: 5 to 7 p.m., Fridays.

Open court volleyball play will be 3 to 6 p.m., Sundays.

Training times are subject to postponement due to military functions.

Players under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

These clinics are open to all ID holders and their guests. The clinic is geared toward individuals who want to improve their volleyball skills for advanced competition.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Warren Thomas at 572-7446.

Gus Macker

The Gus Macker basketball tournament

is today to Sunday at the Riner Steinhoff Soccer Complex parking lot in Alamogordo. For more information, call the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce at 437-6120.

Lady Falcons Softball

The May 16 game ball went out to Holloman Lady Falcon second basemen **Britany Dominguez**. She was 1 for 1 with an RBI and a couple of great defensive plays.

The May 18 game ball to Holloman Lady Falcon **Rachel Lucas** She was 1 for 2 batting, one run scored, one RBI and four put outs defensively.

The OPSA

The Otero Practical Shooting Association hosts its Action Shooting Match Saturday and Sunday. Match participants will need a centerfire handgun of 9mm/38 or larger, holster, spare magazines or speedloaders and a shotgun.

These matches are at the Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. with matches starting at 9 a.m. All matches are open to the public. For information about the matches, contact Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663, Mr. Jay Frost at 443-9006 or visit *www.opshooter.org*.

Air Force officials send Armed Forces Day message

The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Michael L. Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

In the first presidential proclamation for Armed Forces Day in 1950, President Truman said the day ‘marks the first combined demonstration by America’s defense team of its progress ... towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality.’

The theme of that first Armed Forces Day was ‘Teamed for Defense,’ expressing the new unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government — the Department of Defense.

Through more than five decades our military members — Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines — have teamed with

our civilian partners to build the greatest military in the world. This joint team is ‘Teamed for Defense’ like never before and America’s Airmen are seamlessly integral to our joint force.

More than 25,000 Airmen — active duty, Guard and Reserve — are deployed supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. On the ground, in the air and from space, Airmen bring overwhelming air and space power to bear for the joint team, for our nation, and for our allies in the war on terrorism.

On the ground, our battlefield Airmen serve alongside infantry and special operations units, directly integrating air and space power. Airmen from 16 different combat support skills are driving trucks, providing convoy security, guarding

prisoners and interrogating detainees. Airmen have refocused C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III airlift missions to reduce the number of convoys on Iraqi roads by nearly 350 trucks a day.

In space, we’re maintaining the continuous flow of communications, surveillance, precision navigation and targeting for the joint team. At home, we continue flying more than 6,200 sorties annually, ensuring the security of our sky.

Airmen are also providing security and stability operations on the Korean peninsula and counterterrorism support in the Horn of Africa. Following the tragic south Asian tsunami, Airmen flew more than 15 million pounds of food, supplies and equipment into the area.

On this Armed Forces Day, America pays homage to our military men and women who have served and are serving our country so nobly on many fronts. Our Airmen and their families are extraordinarily committed to a cause much greater than themselves.

If you wear the uniform of the United States military, be proud. You have earned the respect of a grateful nation. Thank you for your sacrifice, devotion and courage.

We are honored to serve with

you. May God bless each of you, your families and our great nation. (AFPN)



